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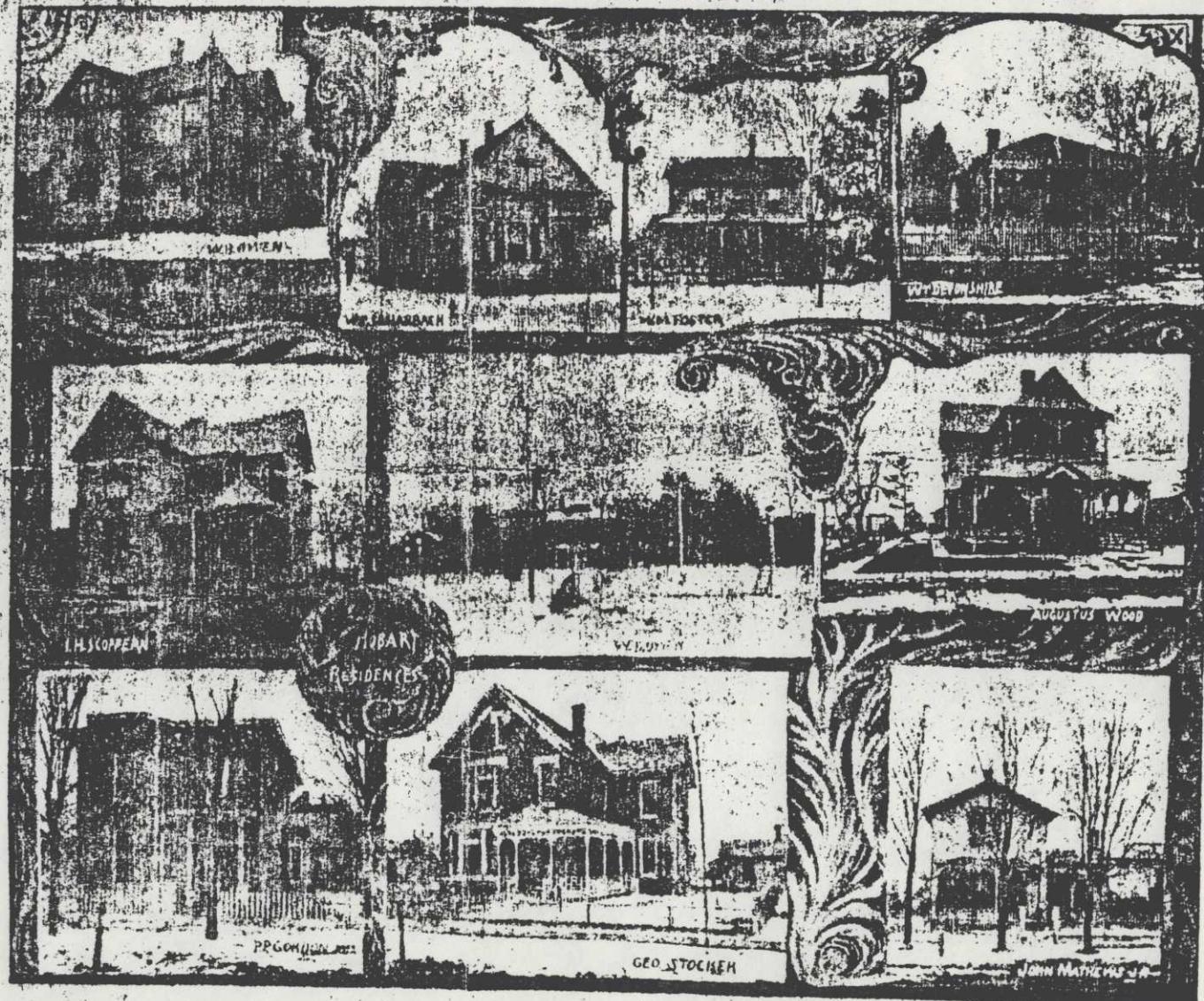
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## The Town of Hobart

TO sketch in detail the birth and growth of a town of nearly two thousand souls, from the erection of the first house to the present day, would require an historical volume quite beyond the limits and intents of this edition. "The Hobart of To-day" is our theme, and to its subject **THE GAZETTE** will endeavor to do full justice.

Fifty years ago the spot occupied by our now thriving town was little more than a four-cornered village, back of which lay a virgin and fertile stretch of prairie and timber land, peopled with Indians, and hardly yet measured by the pioneer surveyor. To-day we have an embryo city, thriving, progressive, happy and hopeful.

Hobart is situated in the heart of the most productive agricultural, dairying and stock-growing portion of Indiana. This county is intersected by fourteen trunk lines of railway, two of which, the Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne & Chicago and the N. Y. C. & St. L., better known as the "Nickel Plate," pass directly through the town. Hobart is also an important station and transfer point on the great Chicago Outer Belt-Line—The Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway—which intersects and connects with every railroad line and system entering Chicago, thus placing our merchants and manufacturers on the same basis of freight rates and facilities enjoyed by the most favorably environed establishments in that city and vicinity. Hobart is located thirty three miles from the heart of Chicago, and eight miles from Lake Michigan. The elevation of this portion of Lake county gives perfect natural drainage toward the lake by means of Deep river and the Calumet. Hobart township rises above the swamps and marshes which skirt the south shore of the lake and by virtue of

location and elevation offers the first locality east of Chicago available for town purposes, manufacturing, commerce and agriculture. We are situated just near enough to the great city to place us in touch with all her advantages and are yet sufficiently removed to taste the delights of suburban life.

Having never been inflicted with a boom, Hobart's growth has been steady, natural and substantial, offering in this respect a striking contrast to nearly every neighboring town and city. Within a trade radius of this town can be found nearly every variety of soil adapted by nature to farming and dairying. Within the limits of the township are many hundred acres of the best clay lands in the state, unequalled in their adaptability for brick, tile, terra cotta and pottery purposes. These deposits are in the hands of concerns who possess the knowledge, capital, skill and experience necessary to make Hobart one of the most noteworthy manufacturing towns in Indiana. The local markets, Chicago and its other suburbs offer an ever remunerative outlet for the products of our farms and dairies, while the entire country looks to Hobart for fire-proofing, terra cotta, building tile and pressed brick of the best known qualities.

Nine years ago Hobart emerged from an inchoate municipal existence with the incorporation of its town government. During this period there has been a splendid advance along the lines of good local government, municipal progress and substantial upbuilding.

Until the present time the town has been free from debt in spite of the extensive and permanent improvements made. Because of the invariable economy and intelligence of our town government and the hearty support given to those in authority by our people the cost of our <sup>of</sup> *Hobart* <sup>w:</sup> has been met lasting obliga-

tions or the heavy taxation of property. Bonds have recently been voted to meet the expense of our splendid electric light plant and water works, which by virtue of the revenue from them to be derived will eventually pay their original cost without burdening the tax payers.

## THE MATTER OF TAXES.

The assessed valuation of Hobart and Hobart township in 1896 was \$2,700,625, of this the railroad valuation was \$1,445-385. It will thus be seen that the railroads pay a large percentage of the entire town and township taxes, thereby greatly reducing the tax burden upon individual property owners. The tax-levy for '97 was \$1.62 on the \$100 valuation in the corporation and \$1.37 in the township. Our county has a greater railroad mileage and valuation than any other in the state and our people reap the benefits of low taxation, equitable freight and passenger rates and superb transportation facilities.

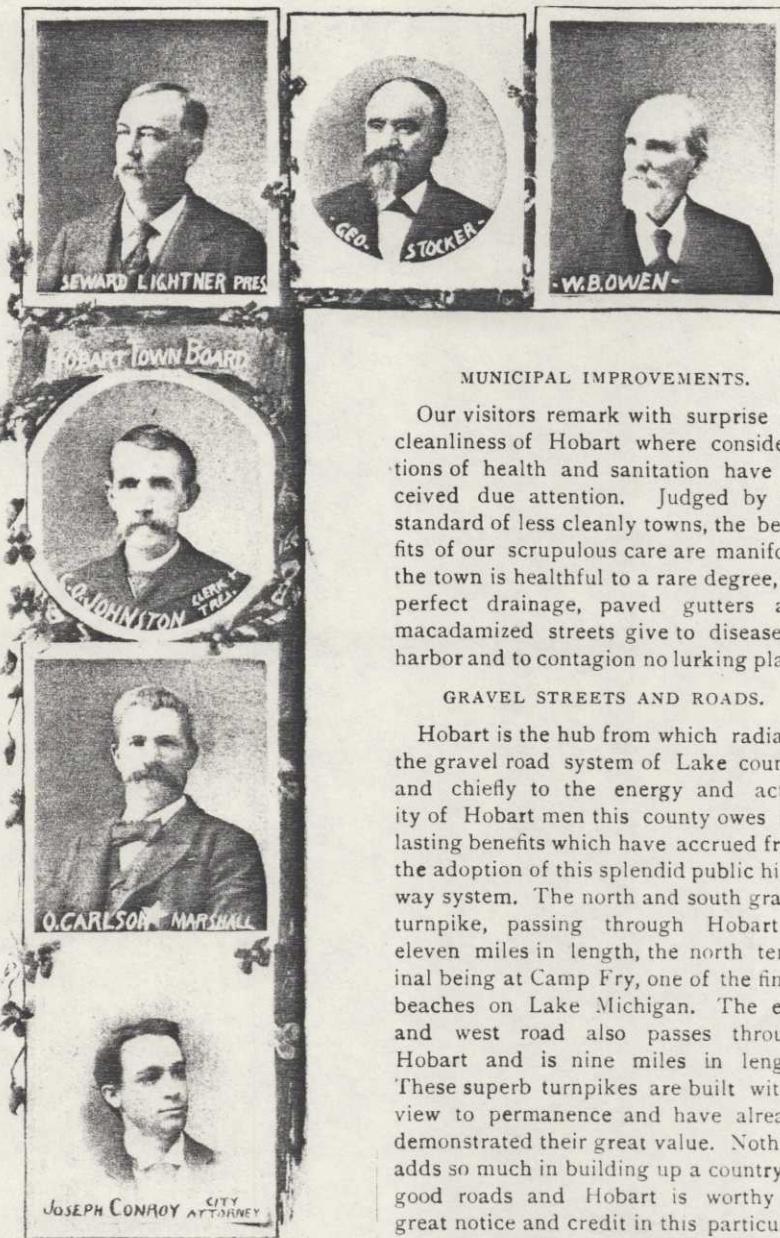
## EVIDENCES OF PROGRESS

The effect of the sterling qualities of the founders and fathers of Hobart is evidenced by the public manifestation of religious sentiment, for Hobart supports and taxes the capacity of eight churches. The religious sentiment has ever been predominant in this community and its results can be seen in the high character of our citizenship and the strong moral tone which pervades every department of local life.

The educational advantages of Hobart are unsurpassed by those of any sister city. Its system of schools, both in town and township, is in the very front rank, efficient and praiseworthy.

Our form of protection against crime and conflagration is amply adequate for the needs of the town and keeps pace with the growth of the community.

The commercial interests of Hobart—the first cause for the existence of the



attractions above mentioned—are manifold. The industries of this town are largely owned and operated by local capital and our manufacturers and merchants rejoice in the prosperity due so much to purely local causes, facilities and advantages.

The desire to make Hobart attractive has not ended with the erection of costly business edifices, elegant residences, capacious schools and houses of worship, although the picturesqueness of the country by which our happy town is environed lends itself admirably to architectural adornment. The business and residence portions of Hobart skirt the shores of Lake George, a beautiful sheet of water covering a thousand acres, created by impounding the crystal waters of Deep River, which released from its thrall of wheel-turning swings along its crescent pathway toward the Calumet, Lake Michigan and the sea.

#### MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Our visitors remark with surprise the cleanliness of Hobart where considerations of health and sanitation have received due attention. Judged by the standard of less cleanly towns, the benefits of our scrupulous care are manifold; the town is healthful to a rare degree, the perfect drainage, paved gutters and macadamized streets give to disease no harbor and to contagion no lurking place.

#### GRAVEL STREETS AND ROADS.

Hobart is the hub from which radiates the gravel road system of Lake county, and chiefly to the energy and activity of Hobart men this county owes the lasting benefits which have accrued from the adoption of this splendid public highway system. The north and south gravel turnpike, passing through Hobart is eleven miles in length, the north terminal being at Camp Fry, one of the finest beaches on Lake Michigan. The east and west road also passes through Hobart and is nine miles in length. These superb turnpikes are built with a view to permanence and have already demonstrated their great value. Nothing adds so much in building up a country as good roads and Hobart is worthy of great notice and credit in this particular. Our principal streets are macadamized with Joliet bank gravel and the business streets have gutters and crossings of the best paving brick.

#### A SPORTSMAN'S PARADISE.

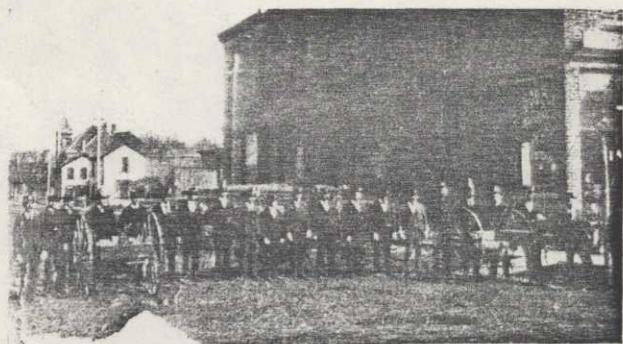
The vicinity of Hobart is a veritable paradise for the lovers of rod and gun.

The northern Indiana marshes abound in every variety of wild fowl; fishing in quiet lakes and streams offers temptations too strong to be withstood. Health, sport, happiness and contentment are the natural inheritance of our people, and these blessings we gladly share with those who come among us.

#### LIGHT AND WATER.

The residents of Hobart have solved for themselves the problems of municipal and private illumination and water supply by arranging for the construction of their own electric light plant and water works, to be operated by the town for the benefit of its residents. The movement leading to these essential improvements was started last summer by Mr. John P. Dales of Chicago, who secured from the town trustees a franchise for an electric lighting plant. Water works were an equal necessity, and after much hard and intelligent work on the part of Mr. Dales, and our most progressive citizens, a contract was made with him by the town trustees for the construction of a combined light and water plant upon the plans and specifications furnished for the town of Hobart by Mr. George Cadogan Morgan, an eminent water works engineer, the plant to become the property of the town upon its completion and acceptance. The electric portion of the plant has been completed and thoroughly tested, now being in successful and satisfactory operation. The water lines are all laid, hydrants set and tested, the pumps run to the necessary stroke and found up to the requirements, so that as soon as the finishing touches can be placed upon it the plant, in its entirety, will be turned over to the town, and municipal operation will commence.

Mr. John P. Dales, to whose persistent energy Hobart owes its splendid plant, is a remarkable and praiseworthy young man. He is, today, probably the youngest successful public works contractor in the United States, being now a member of the Western Engineering and Construction Co., and his work here has shown to our entire satisfaction that he is brilliant, safe, competent and well-in-



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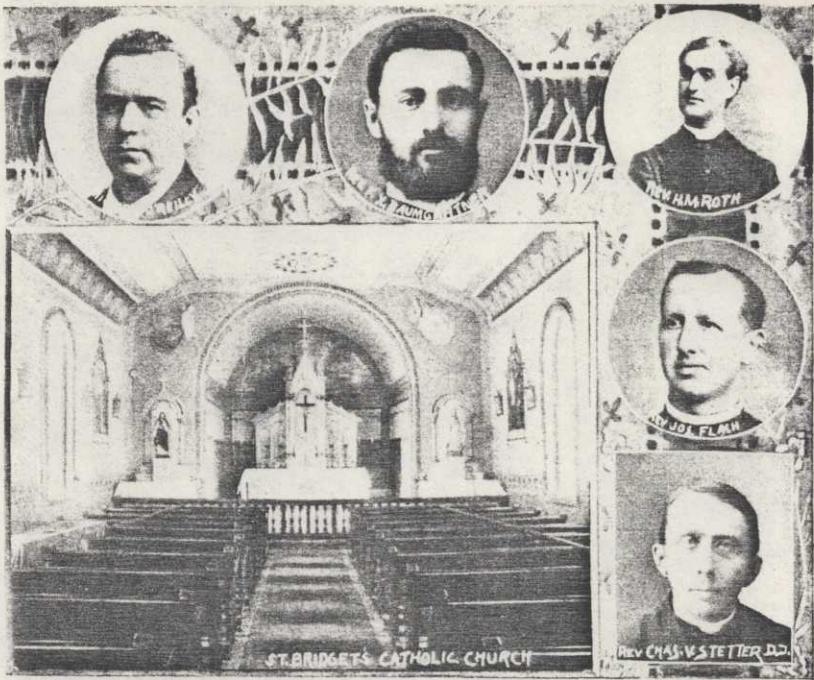
nection with the church work of the various denominations, we have a large number of social clubs, fraternal organizations and societies. Mention should be made of the Woman's Club, the Lotus Club and the Gun Club. In our fraternal ranks are the following orders: the Masonic, Odd-Fellows, Foresters of America, Knights of Pythias, Maccabees, Woodmen, G. A. R., and Lady Maccaebes. These orders are strong in spirit and flourishing in finance.

#### RELIGIOUS LIFE.

Churches are the foundation stones upon which is erected the enduring edifice of civilization. In respect to the wealth, strength, sincerity and devotion to good works manifested by its church-going people Hobart stands forth pre-eminently. Our many church organizations are progressive, prosperous and spiritual. The religious life and sentiment of this community are ever active and potent. This is evidenced by the high intellectuality, sober habits and clean lives of the large majority of our citizens. The various creeds and denominations here represented are as follows: Congregational, Unitarian, Methodist Episcopal, German Methodist, Roman Catholic, German Lutheran, Swedish Lutheran and Swedish Methodist.

#### RAPID TRANSIT.

The Hobart and Western Electric Ry. Co., a local enterprise, some months ago obtained franchises for the construction of a system of electric railways along the public highways of Lake county, from Hobart to Hammond, via. Tolleston, and have recently secured new franchises extending east to Valparaiso via. Flint Lake. The present company will shortly be reorganized, when it is proposed to commence the construction of an electric railway system extending from Valparaiso to Hammond via. Flint Lake,



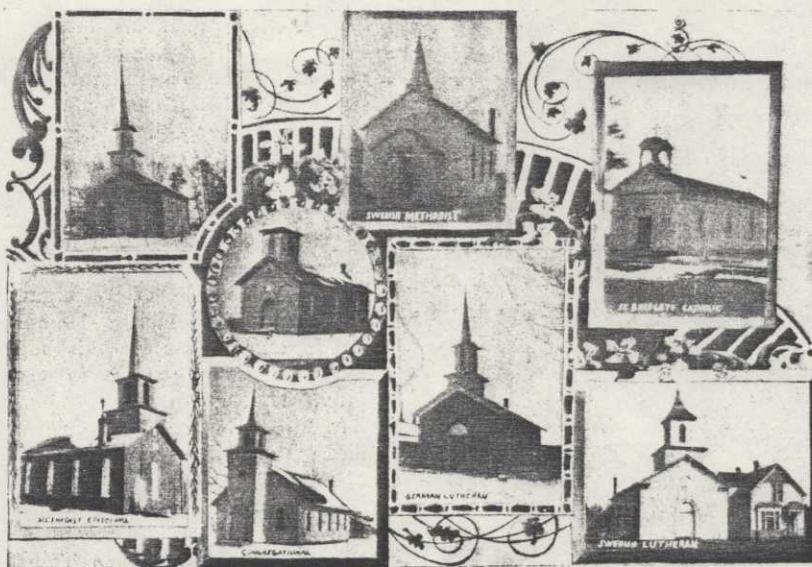
Hobart and Tolleston, a distance of 32 miles. At Hammond connections will be made into Chicago. This road is designed to afford local transportation facilities, build up the many suburban town sites and extend suburban growth to Hobart and its environs. This project has received substantial endorsement and is so much an assured fact that already a number of people have purchased property adjacent to Hobart with a view to taking advantage of the facilities offered by this system. Its promoters are men who live along the proposed line and who have spent years and dollars in upbuilding local enterprises and projects.

**S. BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC CONGREGATION.**—After the war quite a number of Irish families, with a few German Catholics, settled at or near Hobart. They attended church services

at Lake station, and sometimes services were held at the homes of the faithful by the priest of Valparaiso. At that time the Right Rev. Henry Luers, then bishop of Ft. Wayne, visited Hobart and encouraged the people, in loving and earnest words, to remain faithful to their old Catholic religion, and to live up to its precepts. In 1874 the Very Rev. Michael O'Reilly, pastor of St. Paul's church, Valparaiso, united all the Catholics of Hobart and vicinity into a congregation. He bought for them Mr. John G. Earle's picture gallery, which by him and his successors, was gradually transformed into the present beautiful St. Bridget's Church. Father O'Reilly was pastor of the congregation until October, 1875. After him Rev. Francis Xavier Baumgartner had charge of the congregation from 1875 to 1881; Rev. H. M. Roth from '81 to '83; then again Rev. F. X. Baumgartner, who remained until '85, being followed by the Rev. Joseph Flach, now pastor of Dyer, Ind., who remained until 1888. He was succeeded in August of the latter year by the present pastor, Rev. Charles V. Stetter, D.D. The membership numbers at present about two hundred. As to nationality they are mostly Americans, Irish and Germans. The word of God is preached to the people both in English and German. Services are held the third Sunday of every month, the Monday after the fourth Sunday, and every Saturday. Special efforts are made by the pastor to instruct well the children of the parish in the doctrines of their holy Catholic religion. Hobart is still a mission, attended from Turkey Creek, six miles distant. It is the earnest prayer of the pastor and people that the congregation may grow in fervor and numbers, so as soon to have a resident priest administering to their spiritual wants.

#### OUR PATRONS.

Without the hearty support of the people of Hobart this magnificent souvenir could not have been issued. Upon the subsequent pages will be found brief descriptive sketches of some of the enterprising people who have helped to make the edition a success. We request for these your careful attention and perusal.



*Churches of Hobart.*

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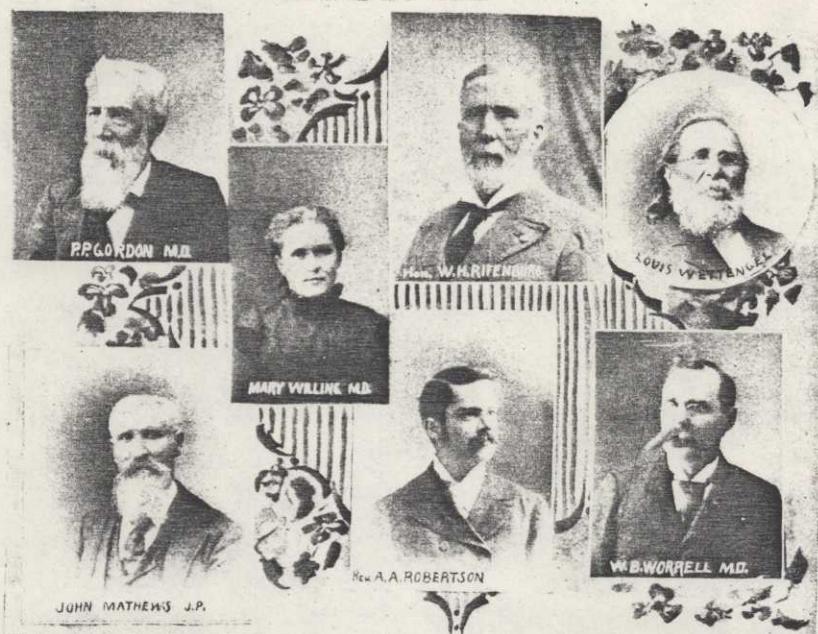
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IT is hoped that our readers will pardon any undue degree of pride and satisfaction displayed by THE GAZETTE in presenting this elaborate and artistic souvenir of Hobart.

Nine years ago our paper was founded in a most modest way. About a year later A. J. Smith took control of the destinies of THE GAZETTE and two years after N. B. White joined in the proprietorship. During this period the growth of our paper has more than kept pace with the remarkable progress of Hobart, so that today we feel justified in presenting to the public the most expensive and elaborate Souvenir Edition ever published by a country weekly newspaper in the State. This edition is designed to show to the world the beauties, advantages, resources and opportunities of Hobart. Our gates are open to the manufacturer, the suburbanite, the home-seeker, the industrious man and the capitalist. Hobart shows by profuse illustration the degree of progress she has already attained, and invites immigration of a desirable character.



*A Few Prominent Professional People.*

In producing this souvenir edition THE GAZETTE has received the substantial assistance and cordial support of every enterprising citizen of Hobart. Our people always pull together for the common good.

The compilation of the souvenir edition was entrusted by us to Messrs. McNulty and Brownlee, of Chicago, and the happy result of their labors must be as gratifying to them as it is to us and to our patrons.

The many photographs and portraits used in illustrating this edition were taken especially for us by Showman's gallery, a Hobart institution of great merit and wide popularity.

To the genius of Mr. H. J. Day, of Hobart, are due the beautiful cover page;

the grouping and arrangement of the illustrations and the special designs which adorn the pages.

The management of THE GAZETTE wishes heartily to congratulate the people of Hobart upon their public spirit and liberality shown by this edition, and to thank them for giving our paper the opportunity of singing the praise of Hobart to the spirited accompaniment of beautiful illustrations, convincing sketches and typographical perfection.

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.**—In the summer of '76 a band of evangelists from Chicago first held congregational services in Hobart in a building known as the tabernacle. From their efforts grew the present church, organized in 1885, the pioneer pastor being Rev. D. W. Andrews. A few of the charter members of the church are still with us, being among our most earnest members. The present capable pastor is Rev. A. A. Robertson, who was educated at Drury college, Springfield, Mo. He is now completing his studies at the Chicago Theological seminary. Since the commencement of Mr. Robertson's pastorate in May, 1896, the church edifice has been improved, a choir and Christian Endeavor society organized and the membership increased one-third. In all departments the work is hopeful and its influence for good felt in the community. The church is self-supporting and free from debt. All are cordially welcomed to the church services, which are held regularly twice each Sunday and during the week. The ladies' aid society is one of the strongest elements in the church work, meeting each Thursday. The Sunday school is well attended and is under direction of Superintendent Dr.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hobart, Indiana, that any person, firm or corporation, who shall locate and operate a manufactory in said town, and employ not less than fifty adult persons in said town, shall be exempt from taxation for town purposes for a period of five years from the time of the location of such factory and the employment of such number of persons.

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said person, firm or corporation shall in addition to the exemption from taxation, have the use of town or city water for a like period for use in factory without any charge therefor by said town.

Hobart, Indiana, March 1st, 1898.

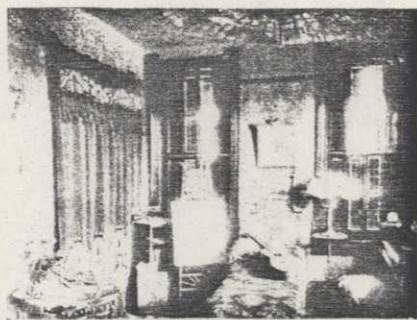


Some Hobart Homes.

W. B. Worrell and Assist.-supt. Mrs. A. T. Davis. Dr. Worrell has but recently come among us and has already made a number of improvements in school methods. He is fast gaining a reputation as a physician and one who is working for the moral betterment of the town. Under his skillful management the school is prospering in all departments.

**H**ON. W. H. RIFENBURG.—Our representative in the Legislature is the Hon. W. H. Rifenburg, a gentleman whose interests have for forty years been those of Hobart. Born in the Empire state, he came West in 1853, and after a short residence in Michigan and Minnesota located in Hobart in 1855. After clerking for a short time he purchased a farm which he worked until in 1861 he

sponded to his country's call to arms, enlisting in the Ninth Indiana Infantry. He participated with entire credit in many engagements and was promoted to sergeant for bravery at Buffalo Mountain. He was severely wounded at Shiloh and was retired for disability. Returning to Hobart, Mr. Rifenburg again engaged in mercantile pursuits, his lumber, manufacturing and contracting interests since assuming large and profitable proportions. An ardent and active Republican, Mr. Rifenburg has ever been a valiant worker for his party. He has held many local offices, and in 1896 was elected to the Legislature, serving ever since with honor, credit and intelligence. A matter of much delight and pride to Mr. Rifenburg is his magnificent private library, probably the largest and best selected in the county. He is a man of marked literary tastes, is prominent in Masonry, Odd-Fellowship and in the G. A. R. He was the founder of the Hobart Unitarian Church and is active in religious, social



Studio of H. J. Day.

and political life; highly esteemed by his constituents and acquaintances and a potent factor in Hobart's progress. Chiefly through Col. Rifenburg's activity the splendid highway system of this and other townships have been brought about. He has also, in company with other contractors, built two of the three gravel roads in this vicinity.

**D**R. P. P. GORDON.—With respect to length of residence, extent of property and professional interests, and identification with Hobart, Dr. P. P. Gordon is one of the most noteworthy of our citizens. In 1865 he made Hobart his home, having in that year graduated from the Buffalo Medical college. He at once entered upon the duties of his profession and during these many intervening years has built up a very large and remunerative practice and has amassed a variety of property interests in this vicinity and elsewhere. Dr. Gordon has been before the public in various public capacities. For two terms he was coroner of this county. He served on the pension board for four years. Considerable of his time has in the past been devoted to railroad surgery, and he is at the present time examining physician for a

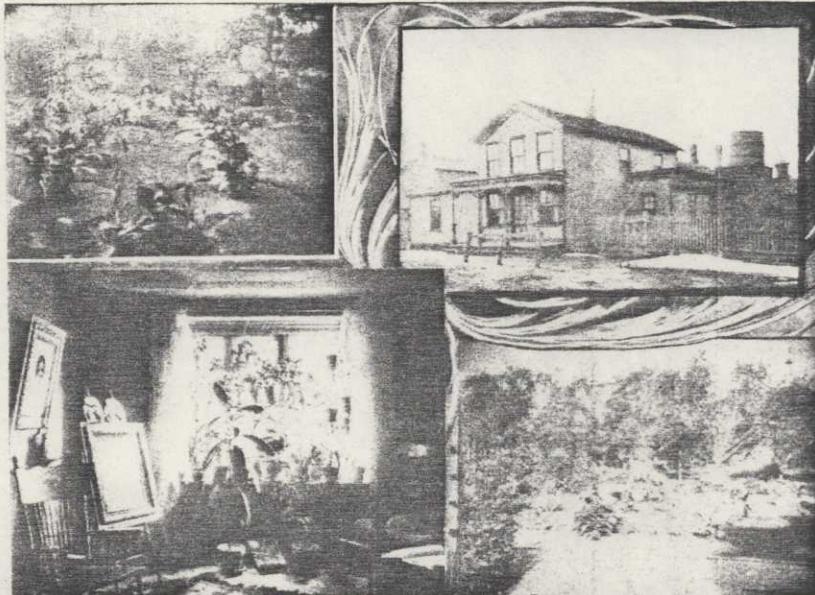
number of insurance companies. His ripe experience and broad learning peculiarly fit him for the practice of medicine, which he still actively follows with satisfactory results. Every old resident of this vicinity fully realizes that Dr. Gordon has devoted much of his means and energies to the permanent advancement of town and county, and hope that he may long be spared for continued usefulness.

**J**OHN MATHEWS, J. P.—One of our most respected citizens is John Mathews, retired business man, for six years past Justice of the Peace for this township. Mr. Mathews is a veteran of the civil war and is active in G. A. R. and fraternity circles. As a public officer he is incorruptible and as a citizen enjoys the esteem of our people.



**L**OUIS WETTENGEL.—Attorney Louis Wettengel has resided continuously in Hobart since 1860, and his energies, labors and public spirit have left an indelible impress upon our town. Mr. Wettengel immigrated to America from his native city in Bavaria in 1845. After several years of vicissitudes incident to life in a strange country he became established in Hobart. In 1863 he was elected justice of the peace, serving faithfully for two terms. He engaged successfully in various business enterprises, finally taking up the law. He now enjoys a lucrative law practice, and finds relaxation and enjoyment in the growing of choice plants and flowers. His gardens and grounds, depicted in this issue, are among the most attractive features of Hobart. Mr. Wettengel enjoys the respect and esteem of the people among whom he has spent so many years of his life, and he has reared a large and interesting family.

**O**LD RELIABLE SHOE STORE." This flourishing business was established by Mr. Piske who for nearly twenty years conducted an extensive and profitable shoe store in Hobart, and upon his death, two and one-half years ago, Mrs. Piske (now Mrs. Manteuffel) continued to carry on the trade with which she had become entirely familiar. Her stock includes all the best and most reliable makes of footwear, and no other Hobart house carries a larger or better assorted line. Her trade is on a sound basis, and her customers have every reason to continue to deal at the "Old Reliable Shoe Store." Custom and repair work receives a large share of the attention of this house, and all work receives that care and attention to be expected from an establishment of this character. She enjoys the respect and confidence of the business world and the esteem of our people who have known her for so long.



*The Home of Louis Wettengel.*

**G**EORGE STOCKER.—No resident of Lake county is better known, or more highly esteemed than Mr. Geo. Stocker, of Hobart, who has resided in this town almost continuously for the past thirty years. He has held many town, township and county offices to the entire satisfaction of our people. Mr. Stocker was at one time an extensive brick manufacturer; was actively engaged in mercantile business in Hobart and has now retired from commercial life, devoting his attention to the care of his large property interests here and elsewhere. For the past six years he has been a town trustee. He has filled the offices of township trustee, county assessor and county commissioner and was postmaster from 1884 to 1888. He is a self-made man in every respect and is one of the most progressive, prominent and useful citizens of Hobart.

**J**OHN HOLLORAN.—Few contractors of the public works in this state enjoy greater prestige than Mr. Holloran, who has for 20 years been engaged in the construction of gravel roads, streets and drainage. Because of his practical knowledge and experience in gravel road and macadam construction Mr. Holloran has proved a very valuable accession to the town and county. He has constructed more miles of gravel roads than any other man in Indiana. Mr. Holloran came here in 1896 from Noblesville, Indiana, building that year in this township 11 miles of gravel road, and 9 miles the following year. He is at present engaged in the construction of 18 miles of gravel road in the adjoining township of Calumet. Mr. Holloran has been very successful here and is respected and popular.



*H. F. C. Miller, M. D.*

**H.** F. C. MILLER, M. D.—There is nothing so precious as human life, and we do well to hold in high esteem those whose best efforts are being constantly put forth for its preservation and for the alleviation of suffering. Dr. Miller is especially gifted by nature for his chosen profession and his training has been most thorough. He graduated with honor from Rush Medical college in the class of 1877, locating here two years later. He took an extended special course in diagnosis under the renowned Dr. Joseph P. Ross, founder of the Cook County (Ill.) hospital; taking also a thorough course of training at Bellevue hospital in New York. Dr. Miller has been singularly successful in his general practice, notably so in the more complicated cases, and those supposed to be hopeless. He has built up a very large and lucrative practice in Lake and Porter counties and stands among the distinguished medical practitioners of the state, being frequently called to Chicago for consultation with leading physicians of that city.

**E**XMORE.—Exmore 2:18 1/4, P. 22,743 registered Vol. XII, Rule 6, sired by Strathmore, he by Hambletonian 10; dam, Rigollette, by Exchequer 3,551. Exmore, foaled in 1891, is a beautiful dark bay, pacing stallion, owned by Fiester & Bullock, of Hobart, Ind.



*Exmore—22,743.*



Some of Hobart's Prominent Business Men.

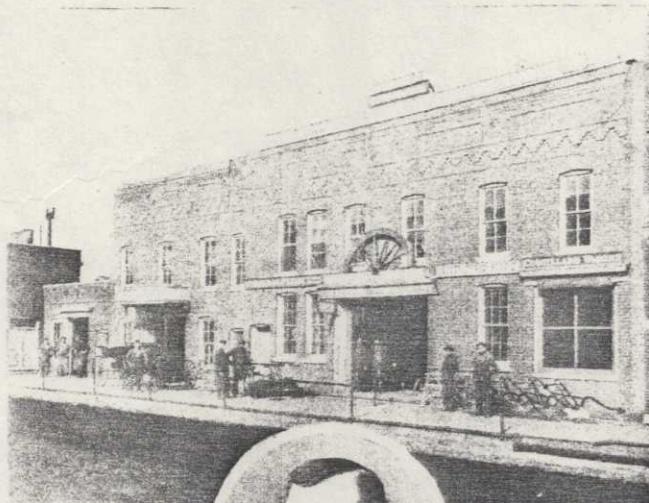
**E**D. BATTERMAN.—No town of similar size in the state has so completely equipped a machine shop as that of E. Batterman shown herewith. Every variety of blacksmithing, machine and repair work is here executed under the trained eye of the proprietor. Mr. Batterman also carries a very large line of buggies, carriage, farm and delivery wagons and repairs. His agricultural implement department is stocked with the very best products of the foremost American manufactories. He is one of our most solid, esteemed and successful citizens and business men, and the accompanying illustrations will convey some idea of the magnitude and resources of his establishment.

**W**M. PYATT.—The wagon manufactory and repair concern of Wm. Pyatt is one of the most complete in this vicinity. Mr. Pyatt is a practical wagonmaker of long and successful experience and the work from his shop can

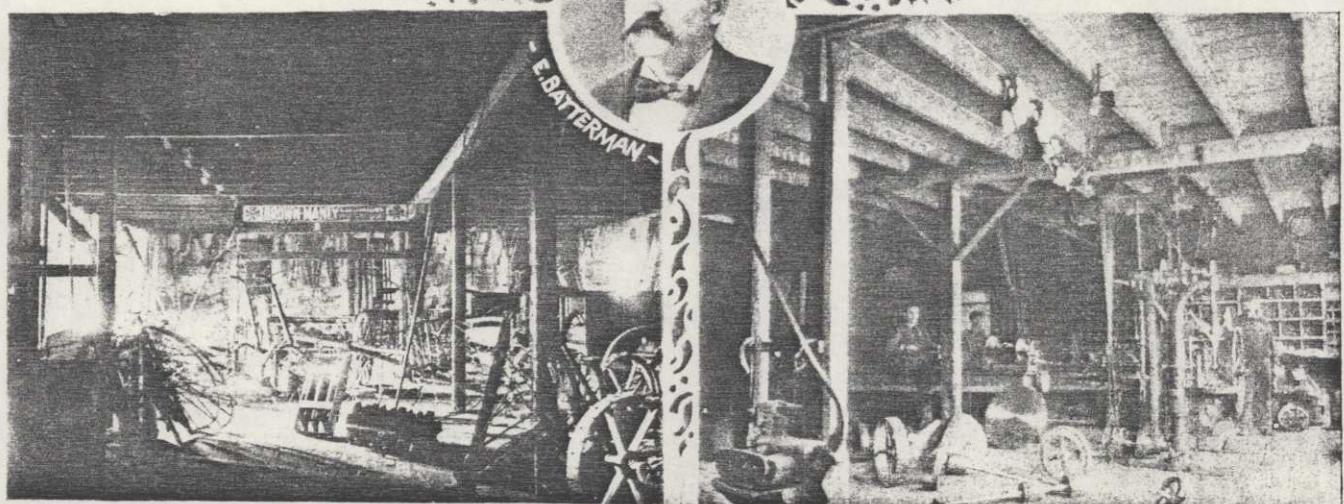
always be recognized by its superior quality.

**F**RED HAMANN & SONS.—Fred Hamann and his two sons, Fred Jr. and Henry, conduct an extensive and profitable livery business on Third street. Mr. Hamann is one of our most respected German citizens. Their stable is head-

quarters for the commercial trade and all outfits are first class. Fred Hamann, Jr., has recently opened a bicycle repair shop and salesroom. He has had six years experience in the leading factories of Chicago and will do any class of new or repair work, carrying a fine stock of the best wheels on the market.



**O**SCAR W. CARLSON. Our present efficient Town Marshal, Oscar W. Carlson, has held this important position for the past five years and has given great satisfaction to the order-loving people of Hobart. Mr. Carlson was born in Sweden, and possesses many of the qualities which make his fellow-countrymen such good citizens of their adopted land. He came to Hobart in 1880 and has ever since been active in public affairs. He freely supports all public enterprises and in the faithful performance of his duties makes no distinctions of race or political belief.



E. Batterman's Machine Shop, Vehicle and Implement Establishment.



*E. H. Guyer Block.*

**E. H. GUYER.**—His twenty-five years of residence in Hobart and constant business activity have made E. H. Guyer a notable character in our town. He is a native of Michigan, where he was born in 1854. Mr. Guyer is a very heavy and successful stock buyer, his business running from fifteen to thirty thousand dollars per year. He is an extensive property owner, having built the splendid Guyer block, which is 40x80 in size, with two stories and basement. The corner store is magnificently fitted up as a meat market and contains a perfect cold storage room 14x18 feet. This market is now occupied by Stitzberger & Kramer. Mr. Guyer has always been considered a representative and progressive citizen and was one of the earliest and hardest workers for the gravel roads of this vicinity. He has actively worked for all things tending toward the betterment of the town. Politically he is a Democrat, but he does not mix politics with business. Mr. Guyer stands high with our people for his business ability and personal integrity.

#### PENNSYLVANIA OIL COMPANY.

No articles of domestic consumption are more essential to comfort and convenience than illuminating oils and gasoline, and safety and convenience require that their quality shall be above reproach. The products of the Pennsylvania Oil Company have met with decided favor wherever introduced, and nowhere more so than in Hobart. Since this company made this a distributing point their trade has assumed large and gratifying proportions. C. W. Spencer is their Hobart agent, and his wagon makes daily trips to all parts of the town. Pennsylvania Oil Co.'s oils are an "anti-trust" product and for this reason worthy of trial.

"Aolin" Oil and "Champion" 74° Gasoline are made out of the finest Penna.

crude oil. They neither smoke nor smell, and last longer than cheap oil and gasoline. A trial order will convince you of this fact. The oils and gasoline manufactured by this company and sold in Hobart by Mr. Spencer are strictly guaranteed to give entire satisfaction and are the best on the market. Buy "anti-monopoly" oils and gasoline from the Pennsylvania Oil Co.'s wagons which will stop at your door.

**C. W. SPENCER.**—Mr. Spencer is the agent of the Pennsylvania Oil Company and promptly looks after the interests of his army of customers. In addition to his oil business Mr. Spencer conducts a grocery store with entire success. He is one of our best known citizens and all are glad to note the evidences of his prosperity.



*Joseph C. Watson, M. D.*

**JOSEPH C. WATSON, M. D.**—No calling in which men engage has done so much to alleviate the sufferings of humanity or ameliorate the condition

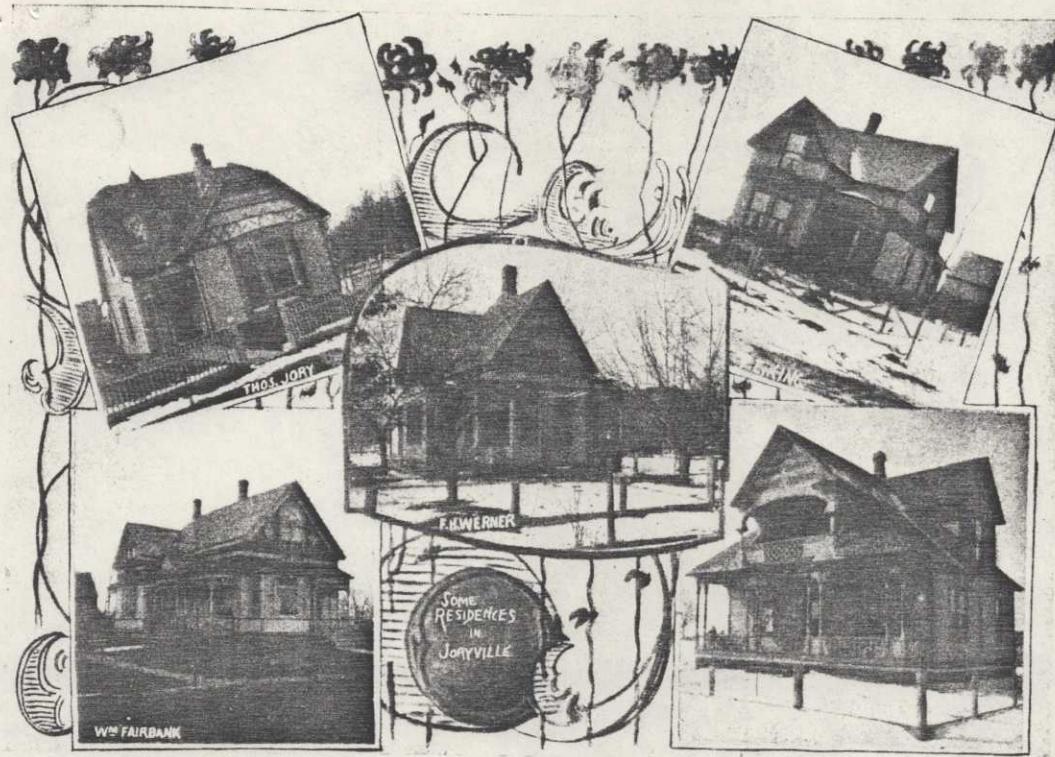


*Pennsylvania Oil Company.*

of mankind as has that of the physician, and this profession has a worthy exemplar in Hobart in the person of Dr. Watson, who has resided in our town since 1890. Dr. Watson was born in Warsaw, Ind., where he was in the drug business for ten years prior to his graduation from the Medical Department of the University of Indianapolis in 1888. He located first in Knox, soon coming to this wider field. Dr. Watson has distinguished himself most particularly in surgical work, although enjoying a very large general practice, extending to all parts of Lake and Porter Counties. Dr. Watson is a thorough believer in the future greatness of Hobart, and is the owner of some of the most valuable and desirable business and residence property in town. Although a most busy man, Dr. Watson finds time to promote the best interests of our town; he is an energetic, prominent, prosperous and esteemed citizen, a noteworthy practitioner, and an ardent friend to social and municipal progress. Dr. Watson is the regularly appointed surgeon for the Nickel Plate railway, and does also all the surgical work for the other railroads in this vicinity.

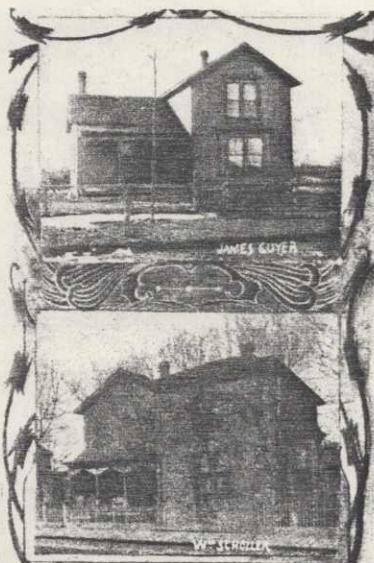


*Watson Block.*



**F**RANK E. KING.—One of the most original, successful and capable architects and builders in Hobart is Frank E. King, who located here nine years ago. Among the elegant buildings which reflect the genius of this gentleman are the homes of Messrs. Scoffern, D. A. Smith, Thompson and Werner, the Guyer block and a number of district school houses.

**W**M. H. FAIRBANK.—This gentleman deserves to be classed among the most successful carpenters and builders in Hobart. He is reliable, skilled and prosperous. His residence is shown among those of Joryville, our best known suburb.



Hobart Homes.

**J**AMES GUYER & SONS.—The livery business of James Guyer & Sons has continued to grow from the day in 1894 when the stables were opened to the public. Their establishment is a large and complete one, special attention being paid to the class of stock and vehicles. Their stables are up-to-date in all particulars. They cater to the commercial, town and boarding trade, having unusually fine facilities to meet all demands made upon them. They conduct a bus and transfer business, meeting all trains.

**W**ILLIAM SCHOLLER.—Forty years ago Mr. Scholler came to Hobart and established the business in which he has since been continuously engaged. Mr. Scholler is without doubt one of the best wagon makers in the state. His experience of many years was gained in practical schools. As a skilled blacksmith he is unexcelled. The wagon, carriage and agricultural implement business of this house is very large and prosperous. Mr. Scholler belongs to that admirable class of Germans who are noted for their thrift, industry and good citizenship. Mr. Scholler is assisted in his business by his sons, who have grown up in the trade under their father's watchful eye.

**L**IGHTNER & TOWNSEND.—The hardware and building material establishment of Lightner & Townsend is a most important factor in the development and commercial life of Hobart. Their store is splendidly stocked with a complete line of hardware, stoves, paints, oils, builders' material, ammu-

tion and sportsmen's supplies, and occupies one of the very best locations in town. This strong firm consists of Seward Lightner and C. M. Townsend. Mr. Lightner is president of the town board, and was for one term township trustee. He is eminently substantial and progressive both as a citizen and merchant. He has for years carried on a contracting business in addition to his hardware interests. He is a political leader of more than ordinary note, is active in Masonic, I. O. O. F. and Forester circles, and enjoys great personal popularity. Last August Mr. Townsend removed from Knox to become associated with Mr. Lightner, and his influence and progressive methods are

already being felt in our commercial life. Mr. Townsend is an enthusiastic devotee to the rod and gun, and is recognized as the crack shot of this section. This firm does a very large business, and is entirely successful and prosperous.

**C**HARLES GRUEL.—In all Lake county there is no more popular business man than Charles Gruel, who has for five years past conducted an extensive and lucrative meat business in Hobart. His market is a model of its class, neat, well fitted and inviting. His many patrons are always sure of obtaining the very best in the market and his employes have caught his enterprising and accommodating spirit. Mr. Gruel has lived in Hobart for many years, having been successfully engaged in several other lines of business and has always been strongly in favor of every enterprise which had for its purpose the advancement of Hobart.



Lightner Block.

# NEW CHICAGO.

NEW CHICAGO is situated on the Michigan Central, Joliet & Northern Indiana, and Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne & Chicago railways, in the Northern part of Lake county, Indiana, and is well adapted for a great manufacturing city, of which the start has already been made.



THE UNITED STATES ELECTRIC CARRIAGE COMPANY has located its shops at New Chicago, and has for some time been in active operation.

THE JOHN BAKER CANNING AND PRESERVING COMPANY will also soon be in operation, giving employment to a large number of hands. Other factories will soon follow.

For an investment, New Chicago is unsurpassed. It is beautifully located on Deep River, on high and dry land. New Chicago will soon have an electric Street railroad, insuring cheap fare to the City of Chicago.

Any information as to building lots, factory sites, etc., cheerfully given by addressing :

**TRIER & LUKAS,**

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# United States Electric Carriage Co.

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OF ALL KINDS.

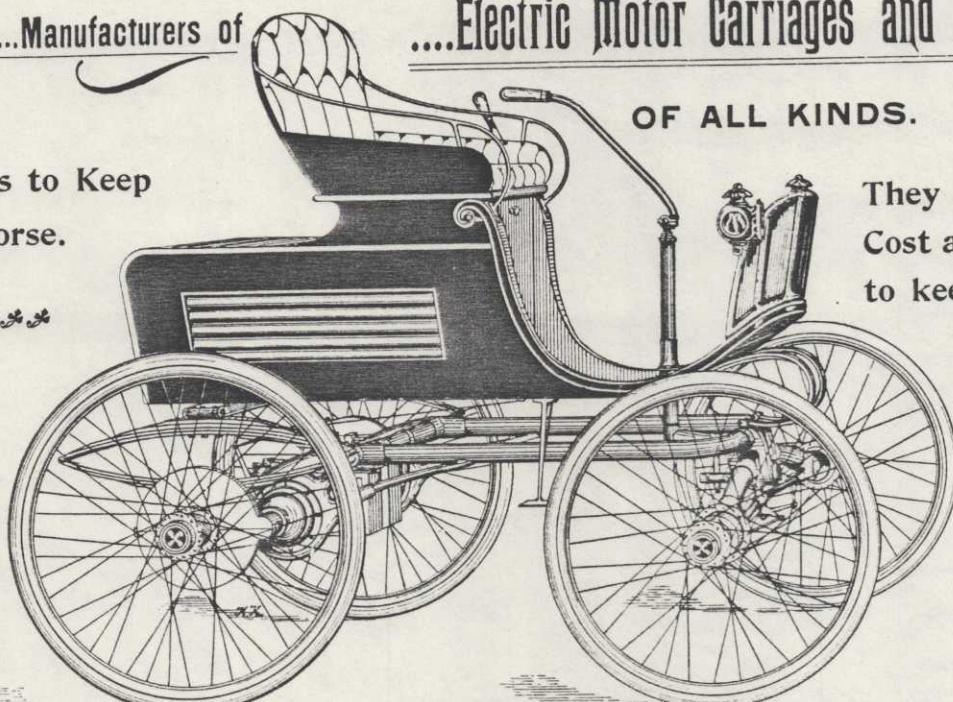
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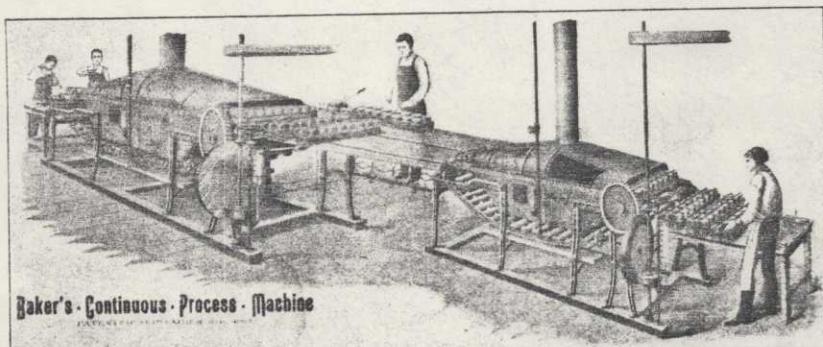
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"ELECTRIC RUN-ABOUT."

## THE JOHN BAKER CANNING AND PRESERVING CO....



Baker's Continuous Process Machine

Packers of...

High Grade Tomatoes by  
Well-Known John Baker  
Continuous Vacuum Process.

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Strictly Pure Currant Jelly and  
Fruit Jams.

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Capacity of Plant 30,000 Pack-  
ages per day.

This enterprise promises to be one of great value to the farmers of Northern Indiana, especially to those who secure contracts to supply the factory with tomatoes and fruits. The company is composed of experienced and practical men. Mr. John Baker, who will have personal charge of the works, is the inventor of most of the canning machinery now in use in all modern factories. He has devoted more than twenty years exclusively to the canning business, and has an extensive knowledge gained in the operation of factories in nearly every State in the Union, and he says the soil and climate conditions in Northern Indiana are more favorable to the production of tomatoes than he has found in any other portion of the country. Small fruits, he says, will do equally well, and the company intends making the manufacture of pure fruit jams and jells a specialty. The design of the company in locating here, was to place its factory at a point where fruit could be delivered to them fresh from the vines and direct from the growers, at the same time as near as possible to Chicago, which is the greatest canned goods market in the world; the saving in freight being an item of no small importance. The Company has an offer from one jobbing house on their entire output for this year.

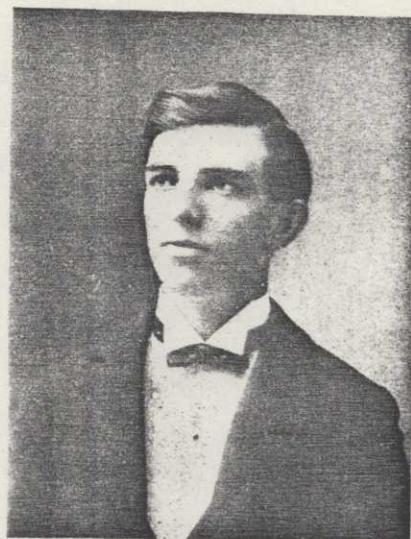


*Interior and Exterior of Gordon & Buchanan's Drug Store.*

**G**ORDON & BUCHANAN.—The beautiful pharmacy of Gordon & Buchanan would attract attention in any locality, and it is safe to say that the trade methods and stock of this enterprising young house are equally noteworthy with the store itself. This firm, composed of H. E. Gordon and A. D. Buchanan, commenced business in the present elegant quarters in October of last year, and the trade they are receiving seems fully to have justified their venture. In addition to a full and complete line of drugs, proprietary goods and drug sundries, they handle wall-paper, paints, oils, stationery and school supplies in great variety. Their patronage has been large from the start because of their known ability as pharmacists and the popularity which these young gentlemen individually enjoy. The senior partner was reared in Hobart and is the son of Dr. Gordon. Mr. Buchanan was long with the drug firm of Wood & Mackey, and brought to the new concern a large personal patronage.

**A**UGUST CARLSON.—To the dairy of August Carlson the people of our town are accustomed to look for the richest and purest milk and cream. Mr. Carlson has been successful here for the reason that his patrons have learned that his cows are so fed and cared for that they give a lacteal product unequalled for purity and richness. The Carlson

dairy is situated about two miles from town and is completely equipped for the large and increasing trade enjoyed by this enterprising gentleman.



*O. D. Morton, D. D. S.*

**O.** D. MORTON, D. D. S.—The dental profession is represented in Hobart by Dr. O. D. Morton, whose capabilities and skill have brought to him a large and lucrative practice among the best class of dental patients. The doctor located in Hobart three years ago; he is popular, esteemed and successful.

**M**ARY H. WILLING, M.D., the feminine member of the medical fraternity of Hobart, has been a resident of our town since her graduation from the Hannemann Institute of Homeopathy of Chicago in 1896, and during this time has earnestly and successfully labored to alleviate the sufferings incident to human existence. Dr. Willing's training was very thorough and her medical course was marked with honors which amply demonstrated her fitness for that profession which she is so wisely making her life work. Hers is a general practice large and increasing. Dr. Willing comes from a family of physicians, her esteemed father still being in active practice. Miss Willing is prominent in church work and finds in music and literature her chief recreation.

**F**. M. SMITH.—The only exclusive grocery house in Hobart is that presided over by Fred M. Smith, and known as the Columbian grocery. Mr. Smith established this flourishing business here three years ago, and the success with which he has met demonstrates that he is emphatically an up-to-date grocer. His stock is selected with great care and is of the very best. Mr. Smith is popular and prosperous and his trade is constantly growing.

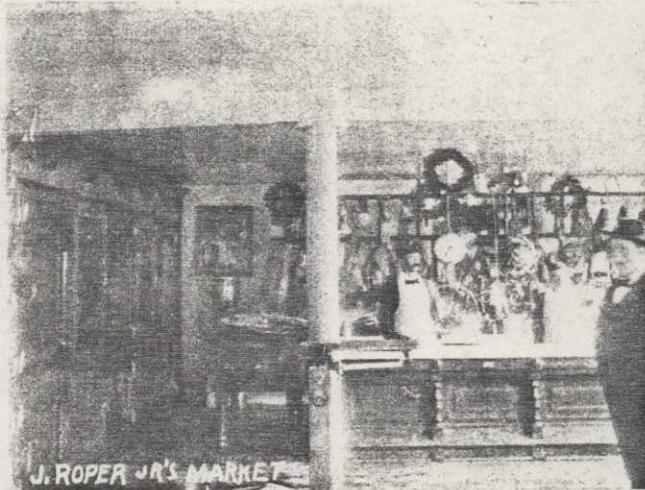
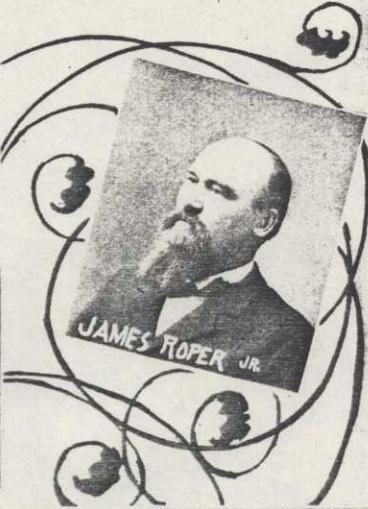
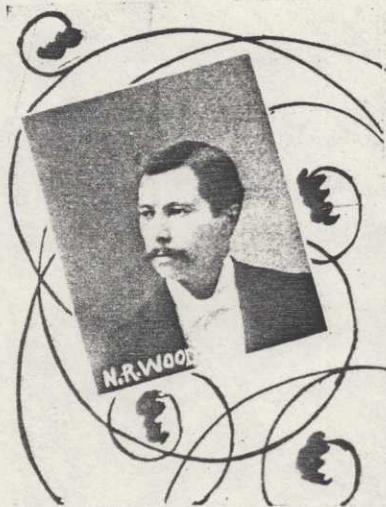


*August Carlson's Dairy.*

**J**AMES ROPER, JR.—The Roper building is the property of James Roper, Jr., one of the leading and most representative citizens of Hobart. Mr. Roper has long been a resident of our town and is thoroughly identified with its interests. He has been active in public life, serving as township trustee with entire satisfaction. He is a member of the drug firm of Wood & Roper, conducts an extensive meat market and is a heavy buyer of live stock, his intimate knowledge, long experience and heavy capital giving him unusual advantages.

**I**. H. SCOFFERN.—Mr. Scoffern has resided in Hobart for eight years as the representative of the E. J. & E. railroad. He is a veteran railroad man, having spent nineteen years in the service, ten of which have been with the "J." Mr. Scoffern occupies a prominent position in the society of Hobart. He is very active in church work, being a class-leader, treasurer and trustee of the M. E. Church. His new residence is one of the finest in Hobart. Mr. Scoffern also deals in all grades of coal, doing a large and growing business.

**C**. O. JOHNSTON.—The history of the town of Hobart presents one peculiar feature—we never had but one town clerk and treasurer. C. O. Johnston was elected to those offices in 1889 and has been re-elected each year since. A fact which speaks volumes for the honesty and satisfaction resulting from his administration of affairs. Mr. Johnston's official life began with the birth of the town corporation and bids fair to last for many years to come. He is a native of Stark county, Ohio, and spent his earlier years in that state, removing to Ko-



*Roper Block and Meat Market.*

*Interior Wood & Roper's Drug Store.*

**W**OOD & ROPER.—The drug firm of Wood & Roper is one of the best and most favorably known of all the mercantile concerns in this vicinity. This firm is composed of N. R. Wood and Jas. Roper, Jr. Mr. Wood is a druggist of long and successful experience, he is active, respected and successful in his business and social life. Wood & Roper carry a very heavy and complete stock of drugs, medicines, sundries, wall paper, paints and oils. Their new store is one of the most complete, sumptuous and beautiful in this part of the state, as will be seen from the reproduction.

**J**OSEPH H. CONROY.—Our town attorney, Mr. Conroy, is conspicuous among the younger members of the Indiana bar, to which he was admitted to practice in 1894. Prior to that time Mr. Conroy had spent several years in educational work, being for three years principal of our high school. In the practice of law Mr. Conroy has found his true sphere and his success has been most marked. Real estate and general practice engage Mr. Conroy's attention. His natural talents and studious habits are certain indicators of continued advancement for him in his chosen profession.

komo when seventeen years of age. He spent a short time in Michigan, working at his trade, locating at Hobart in 1870. From that time on he has played an important part in the growth and development of our town, always advocating progressive methods and ideas. He carries on the business of shoemaking and repairing, and like all disciples of St. Crispin he is wont to ponder upon philosophy as he sticks to his last. As an official and as a citizen Mr. Johnston has invariably enjoyed the respect and confidence of Hobart's people.

**F**IESTER & KILLIGREW, General Merchandise.—The house of Fiester & Killigrew conducts a very large general merchandise business at Hobart, and their beautiful double stores on the chief business corner must be seen to be appreciated. They carry an immense and finely chosen stock of dry goods, furnishings, hardware, groceries and house furnishing goods. Mr. J. L. Fiester is a trained and successful business man of long residence in Hobart. Mr. John Killigrew enjoys also the benefits of copious commercial experience and long acquaintance with the people and needs of Hobart. The elegant stores of Fiester & Killigrew may be considered the trade headquarters for this entire section. The high grade of merchandise handled, liberal treatment of patrons and strictly correct prices have brought to this house its notable success. The proprietors are among the most capable, intelligent and enterprising merchants of Hobart, men who have well won their prestige. The fine modern block occupied by this firm is owned by Fiester & Passow, the latter gentleman being identified with the grocery department of the house.

**H**ERBERT J. DAY.—The leading jeweler and watchmaker of Hobart is Mr. Herbert J. Day, who has been located here for two years past and for

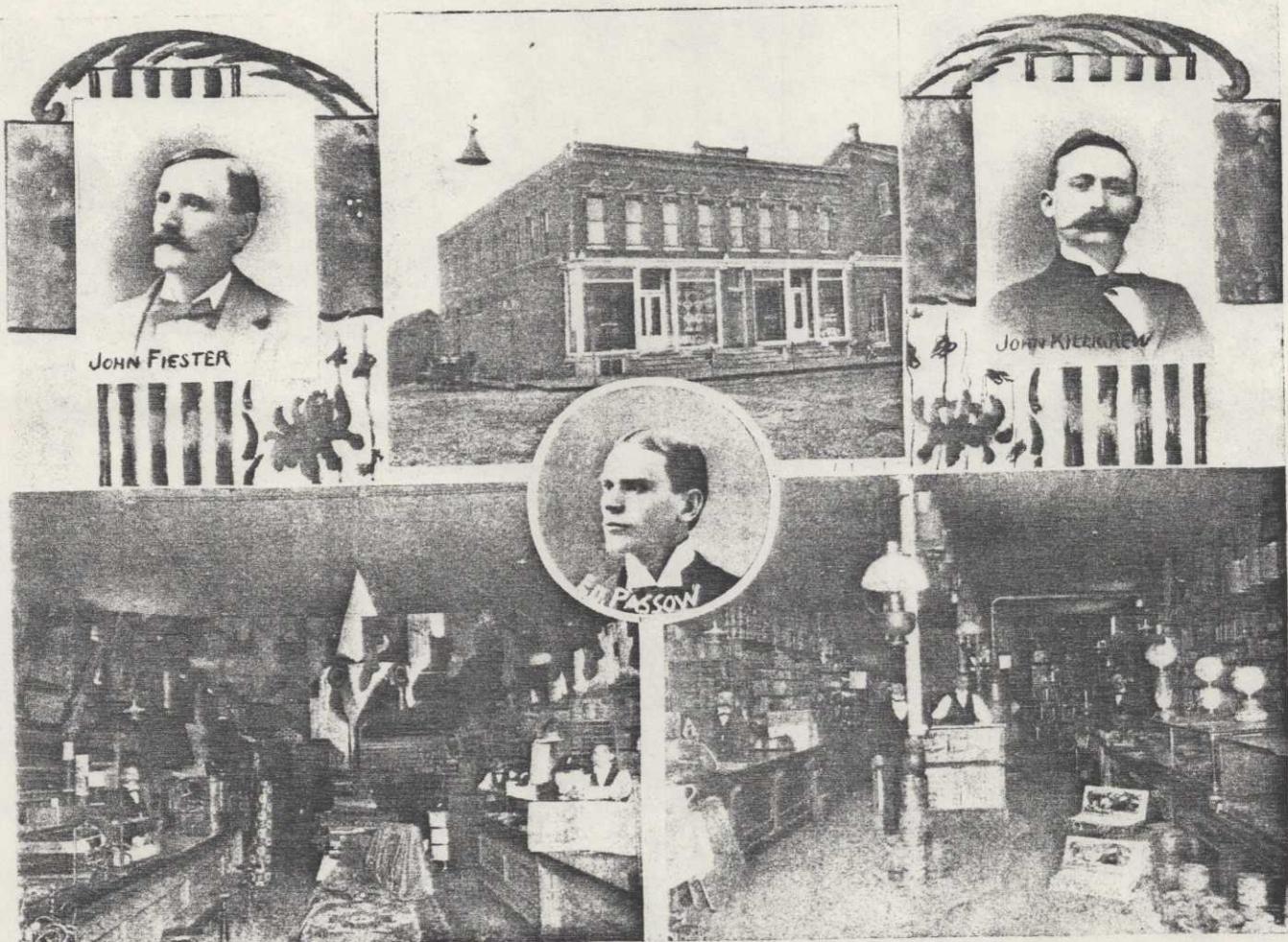


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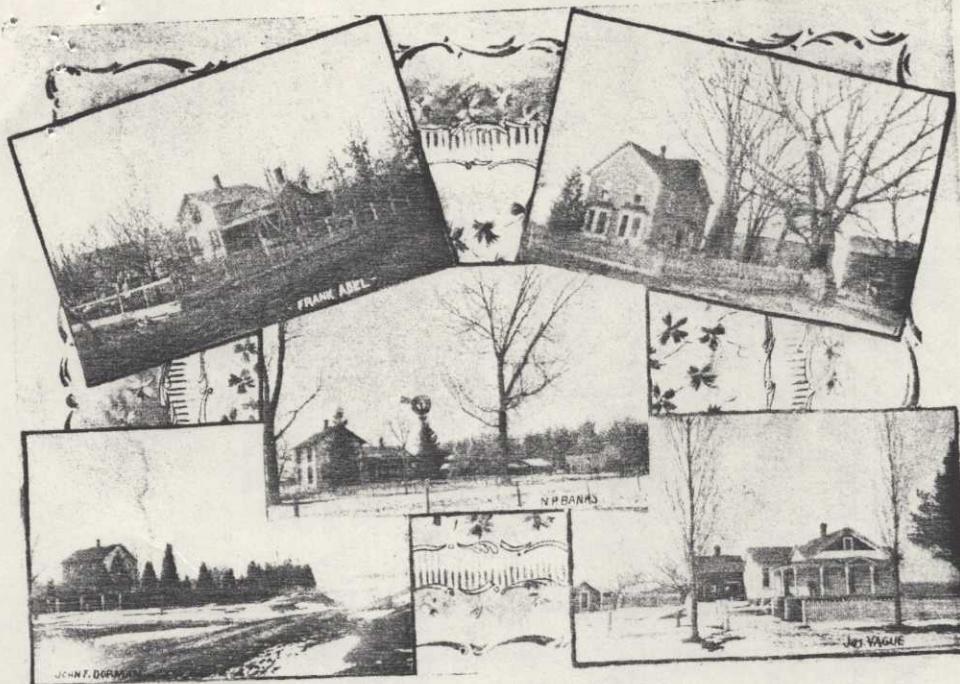
eight years he has been identified with the jewelers' trade and is skilled, painstaking and reliable. His stock is well adapted to the needs of Hobart and his trade continually improving. It is not alone as a jeweler, however, that Mr. Day has achieved prominence. He is an

artist of great natural talent, which has been reinforced by a thorough technical training at the Art Institute of Chicago. The cover page design of this edition is a product of his brush and pencil. Mr. Day has had entire charge of arranging the illustrative features of THE GAZETTE's Souvenir, all of its charming designs and sketches being his work. Mr. Day is also a leader in the local musical world, being a brilliant performer upon the zither and a teacher of that instrument.

**S**HOWMAN'S STUDIO.—None of the arts comes nearer to the homes and affections than does photography, for by its means are preserved the pictured semblances of loved ones and scenes dear to the memory. Showman's Photograph Gallery has long been a fixture of Hobart life, because of the entire reliability and the high class of work produced by its artists. Some idea of the facilities of the Showman Gallery and the superb character of its work may be gained from the illustrations in this edition. Showman's Gallery made all the views and portraits used by the GAZETTE. The Showman Gallery was established in 1893 by Mr. L. K. Showman and has since been in successful and continuous operation. A specialty is made of fine portrait work, enlarging and out-door photography.



Fiester & Killigrew's General Mercantile Establishment.



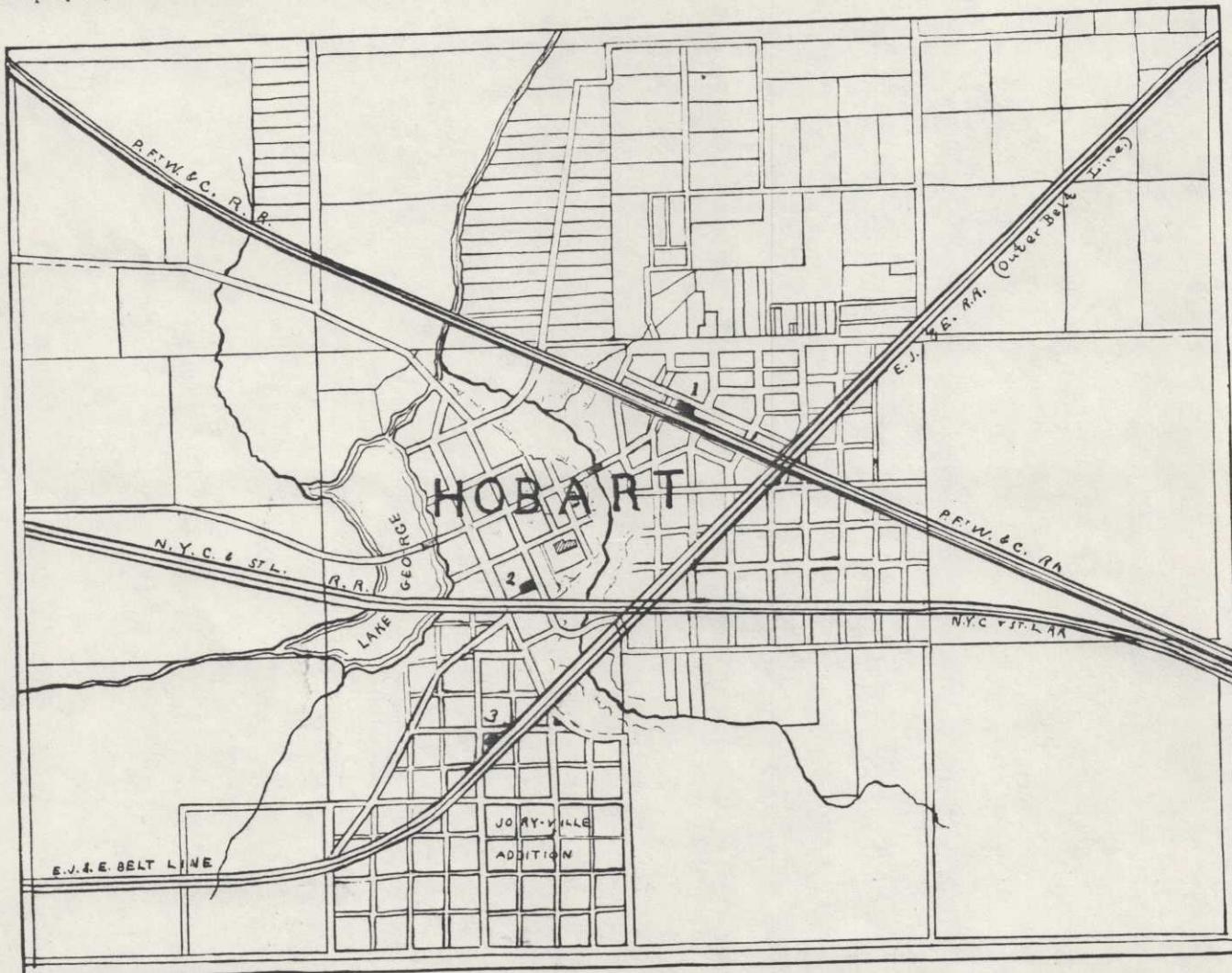
JOSEPH VAGUE is a unique, successful and thoroughly popular resident and property owner of Hobart. During

the seven years he has resided here he has brought to our town many men of means who have made heavy property

investments. For thirty years of his life Mr. Vague was identified with the circus and theatrical business in various capacities in all parts of the country. He has a very large acquaintance and is well and favorably known from Maine to California. He is a hustler of the right kind and is doing our town a world of good.

**F**RANK ABEL.—Mr. Abel enjoys the reputation of being the best and most successful barn builder in Lake county. It must not, however, be inferred that Mr. Abel builds nothing but barns. He is a first-class carpenter in every department of work. Mr. Abel is a veteran of the Franco-Prussian war, and came to this country in time to avail himself of the advantages offered by northern Indiana. He is very active and energetic,

and has accumulated considerable property by economy, thrift and sound judgment.



Plat of Town of Hobart Showing Railroad Facilities and Freight Transfer Points.



*General Merchandise Establishment of Stommel & Scheidt.*

**S**TOMMEL & SCHEIDT.—The qualifications necessary to handle a business of this character are far greater than those required in a single line of merchandizing, so that the successful general merchant must be classed among the most skillful of all retailers. Wm. Stommel and Ed Scheidt were reared at Dyer, this county, but received most of their mercantile training in the southern portion of the State. They located here in 1896 with a splendid new general stock of goods selected with a view to meeting the particular demands of the Hobart trade. They at once assumed a leadership among our merchants, and last year found their quarters so much too small that they were compelled to occupy the adjoining

store also, cutting an arch between the two stores and greatly increasing their stock, adding also several new lines. Their present stores are unusual for the completeness and high character of stock handled, and their low prices and splendid treatment of patrons have brought them a reward of prosperity justly due them. These gentlemen have taken front rank in Hobart for square dealing and low prices and are bound to grow and prosper with the community.

**C**HARLES BORGER.—There is something in the appearance of the harness establishment of Mr. Chas. Borger which indicates the prosperity, substantiality and popularity of the

proprietor. Mr. Borger engaged in business here in 1885 and has, during these thirteen years, built up a splendid reputation as a mechanic and citizen. He is very popular among all classes, being skilled and thorough in his work and strictly honorable in his dealings. He is as up-to-date as the illustration of his establishment indicates.

**R.** C. MACKEY, M. D., who is now serving his second term as coroner of this county, is one of the best known and most respected of our professional gentlemen. Dr. Mackey graduated in 1883 from the Bennett Medical College, of Chicago, and located here in 1892. He has since been in active and success-



*Chas. Borger's Harness Store.*



*Union Block.*



R. C. Mackey, M. D.

ful practice and was until recently in the drug business also, relinquishing the latter to attend properly to the growing demands upon him as a medical practitioner. By his training and practice Dr. Mackey is ably qualified to administer to the needs of ailing humanity and he has been successful in a measure quite beyond that often reached in communities of this character. He is endowed with a keen appreciation of the necessity for local enterprise and progress and will always be found with those who advocate and work for measures calculated for community advancement. He has been active in the cleaner circles of political life and as a public official has faithfully performed his duty to the people.

**J. J. WOOD.**—The subject of this sketch may be said to have grown up in his present business, established in 1880 by Wood & Son, who were succeeded in 1889 by the present proprietor. The stock carried is complete in every particular, and the trade enjoyed by

this sterling merchant must be a highly satisfactory one. Mr. Wood has a very large acquaintance with the people of this vicinity and their needs, conducting his business in a manner calculated to bring a constant stream of trade to his well appointed store. Reliable goods and living prices are his key notes to success. Our people appreciate these traits and honor Mr. Wood with a large share of desirable patronage.

**A LWIN WILD** brings an active experience to bear in his business and has met with remarkable success. His fine store is tastefully fitted up with a stock of furniture which does not lack in anything to make it complete in assortment and quality. He also handles a complete line of window shades, carpets, paints and oils. In the undertaking department the utmost care and consideration has been observed. Mr. Wild is a thoroughly trained embalmer and funeral director of 14 years' experience, whose facilities, skill and ability are of high and gratifying order. He carries a full and complete stock of caskets and burial cases, robes and funeral requisites. Two artistic hearses are in use, and every detail of funeral direction is carried out in a manner marked for propriety and satisfaction. Mr. Wild is a man of sterling integrity as well as push, foresight and excellent business ability, thoroughly and practically conversant with every feature and detail of his business and worthy of the enviable position he occupies.

**WILLIAM B. OWEN.**—The chief industrial mainstay of Hobart and the most extensive manufacturing plant of its kind in America, is that owned and operated by Mr. William B. Owen, and devoted to the manufacture of hollow porous clay tile for fireproof building construction.

Mr. Owen first located here in 1881



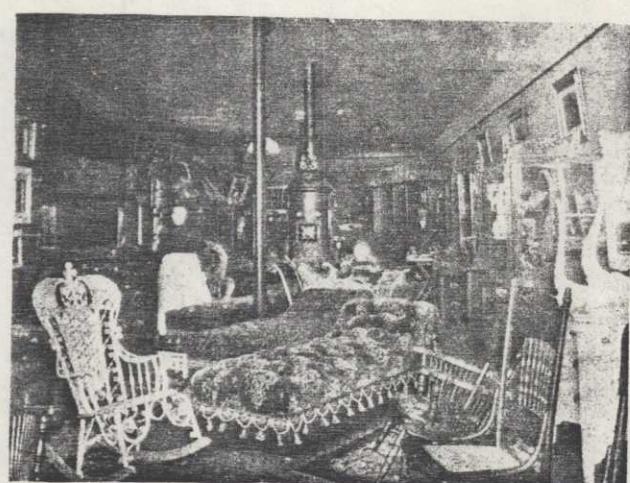
Alwin Wild.

taking advantage of our clay deposits for the manufacture of pressed and common brick. In 1887 the plant was equipped for the manufacture of hollow porous building tile, then first greatly in demand for fireproof construction. At that time this product was known as terra cotta lumber from the fact that it can be sawed and nailed as readily as lumber itself. In 1889 the plant was visited by a disastrous fire which completely wiped out the works, but before the ashes were cool Mr. Owen had commenced to rebuild upon a more extensive scale than before. The plant at present is the most noteworthy of its kind in the world, the works and clay beds covering 35 acres. There are ten enormous tile kilns, of down-draft construction, having a capacity of 80 tons each. Two immense brick kilns are also maintained for emergency orders.

The capacity of the plant is 70 tons of finished product per day and 45 people are given almost constant employment. Every variety of roofing, flooring and



"The Central Store." J. J. Wood, Prop.



Alwin Wild's Furniture Store.